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1. OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TASS HAS OCCASIONALLY REPORTED DEPARTURES OF SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS FOR PORTUGUESE PORTS AND ALSO CARRIED BIEF REFERENCES TO CARGOES. IN REF C EMBASSY REPORTED SEPTEMBER NINE DEPARTURE FROM RIGA OF SOVIET SHIP "UNGURE" FOR LISBON WHICH TASS DESCRIBED AS OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF REGULAR SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN SOVIET BALTIC PORTS AND LISBON. SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT FOUR SOVIET SHIPS ASSIGNED TO THIS SERVICE AND THAT NEW LINE WILL BE CALLED "PORTO-BALTICA." AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICE ALSO CONCLUDED BETWEEN SOVIET SHIPPING AGENCY MORFLOT AND SHIPPING COMPANIES IN NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND PORTUGAL.

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2. WE SUSPECT THAT PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT
BILATERAL MARITIME AGREEMENT WAS MADE DURING CUNHAL CALLING
ON SOVIET MINISTER FOR MERCHANT MARINE CUZHENKO IN MOSCOW ON
NOVEMBER FIRST (REF D), AND THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED
SOMETIME DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS ALONG WITH PROPOSED BILATERL
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.
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